MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Of course, boles are purchased by merchants and not by ordinary ryots and cultivators. So, the merchants will purchase if they want.

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the economic depression has not affected the merchants at all ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They have been affected.

PRESIDENT: Will you please confine yourself to the question, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai ?

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there were only two persons to bid for this large quantity of boles at this year's auction ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not two bidders but two sets of tenderers.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Conservator had to reduce the rates that they undertook in their tenders when the boles were actually sold ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The tender was for a small quantity. But the Conservator wanted to sell the whole thing and so a small reduction was made.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the method of selling boles wholesale was adopted just to realise the budgeted revenue ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not exactly for that. To get the budgeted revenue as well as for selling the boles.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): It is said that the Conservator did not receive any wire. May I know whether he received any letter or any communication ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to overnment*): Information in regard to that is not available here.

Building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta.

448. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any report has been received by the officers concerned that the building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta, is in a damaged condition ; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the action taken thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Director of Public Instruction has forwarded to Government an estimate amounting to Rs. 2,950 for repairs and improvements to the school building and has recommended the approval of the work and its execution in 1108. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years.

449 **MR. K KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years, showing :

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[Mr. K. Krishnan Nayar]

(*a*) the date of appointment of each as such ; and

(*b*) the period during which each of them held office ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statement* required is laid on the table.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): From the Statment given I see that out of the 14 appointments made during the course of the last 15 years, 11 are given to Brahmins. May I know whether there is any special reason for this ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*,: These appointments were made long ago and I am not in a position to say what were the special reasons that induced Government to select a particular individual.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): I want to know whether there is not a sufficient number of hands available from other communities ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : These appointments are selection appointments and the question of efficiency must have been taken into consideration by Government.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether this fact had been brought to their notice. when they filled up the Assistant Head Sirkar Vakils' places very recently ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They were aware of this.

Statement, by caste, of the Sirkar Vakils and their subordinates in the State.

450 **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statements, by caste, showing separately the names of the Sirkar Vakils of all classes and the subordinates of all grades in their offices, in the State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statements† are laid on the table.

Action on the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

451 **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Orders have been issued to the Land Revenue Commissioner and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries for the agriculturists and planters being warned against the evils resulting from the cultivation of grass lands and other forest lands adjoining sources of irrigation and for teaching them scientific ways of cultivating such lands when their cultivation has inevitably to be resorted to (vide paragraph 43 of the Report.) Government have approved the recommendation that the Irrigation Officers should have summary powers to deal with encroachments in their charge (vide paragraph 47) and this along with other amendments to the Irrigation Regulation of 1072 proposed in the Report, have been referred to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil for scrutiny and for drafting a concise amendment to the Regulation and a set of rules to be issued thereunder.

* *Vide* Appendix VII—page x. † *Vide* Appendix VIII—page xii.

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Appendix VII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 449.**

Statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years.

HEAD SIRKAR VAKILS.

HINDU.

Brahmin (Others)

Messrs:—

1	R. Ananda Rao	2-10-1083 to 4-11-1100
2	A. Venkatarama Aiyar	4-11-1100 to 13- 6-1101
3	V. S. Subrahmaniya Aiyar	21- 6-1101 to 26-10-1102
4	A. Venkata Rao	24-11-1102 to 10-11-1104
5	T. R. Reghunatha Aiyangar	11-11-1104 to ——

ASSISTANT HEAD SIRKAR VAKILS.

HINDU.

Brahmin (Others.)

Messrs :—

1	N. Sundararaja Aiyangar	8-6-1088 to 10- 5-1095
2	A. Venkatarama Aiyar	10-9-1085 to 10-7-1088
3	A. Venkata Rao	23-10-1097 to 24-11-1102
4	T. R. Reghunatha Aiyangar	18- 4-1099 to 11-11-1104
5	S. Chakrapani Aiyar	15- 3-1103 to 5- 7-1107
6	H. Ramakrishna Aiyar	18-11-1107 to ——

Nayar

7	M. Bhaskara Menon	19-10-1089 to 14- 4-1099

CHRISTIAN.

Syrian—Jacobite.

8	K. K. Lukose	7-1-1105 to (Acting.)

Roman Catholic

9	Joseph Panjikaran	22-11-1106 to 6-12-1106 (Acting.)

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